

# State of South Carolina

## Governor's Proclamation

**WHEREAS,** also known as Seizure Disorder, epilepsy is a neurological condition affecting an estimated 65,000 individuals in the Palmetto State with an economic impact of approximately \$220 million; and

**WHEREAS,** epilepsy affects people of all ages, with 3 percent of Americans developing epilepsy by the age of 75 and 1 of every 12 individuals experiencing at least one seizure in their lifetime; and

**WHEREAS,** increased knowledge and understanding of epilepsy can lead to an improved quality of life for those affected; and

**WHEREAS,** Epilepsy Awareness Month helps educate the public about the symptoms of this neurological disorder and the proper first aid steps to follow when someone has a seizure while calling attention to the need for continued research into its causes, effective treatments, and possible cures.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I,** Mark Sanford, Governor of the Great State of South Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2005 as

### EPILEPSY AWARENESS MONTH

throughout the state and encourage all South Carolinians to learn more about the symptoms and treatment of epilepsy.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Mark Sanford". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping horizontal stroke at the end.

**MARK SANFORD**  
**GOVERNOR**  
**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA**